Good day , In reference to HB5263

I am formally opposing the proposed rabbit farm application

- -Public attitudes towards Rabbit slaughterhouse attracts negative and unwanted worldwide attention . I can assure you that this has and will repulse the public globally . Rabbits are the some of the most popular domesticated animals in the USA , after dogs and cats .
- there is no species-specific legislation in place for Rabbits . Rabbits do not require inspection under the Federal Meat Inspection act nor under the USDA food safety and inspection service . Thus, there's no guarantee of the slightest enforceable welfare standards. They will be left to endure torture and pain .

Rabbits are by nature highly sensitive, gentle and intelligent, they will suffer immensely in a farming environment.

- -Globally , animal farming has been shown to cause environment damage detrimental to land ,air and water. Studies have demonstrates antibiotic resistance , increased greenhouses gases , which lead to potential contaminants .
- -No control to the many diseases that can circulate and spread amongst them . Keeping so many Rabbits at close proximity increases chances of incurable and epidemic diseases. Examples are Myxomatosis and RHD2 .

Please I urgently ask for your consideration to decline this application . Thank you in advance ,

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